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Office of the Chief Information Officer
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Somerville, MA 02144

Re: FOIA Request DOC-NOAA-2018-000951

Good afternoon:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request which was received by our office on 03/13/2018 in which you requested:

For the 16-month, 5-day period from Tuesday, November 8, 2016 through Tuesday, March 13, 2018: (SUMMARY) Any and all talking points and similar memorandums, emails, and transcripts providing advice or direction on how to handle the media, media interviews, and statements. ---- (SPECIFICALLY) Please include in your responsive materials any documents, emails, or communications with the following phrases in the title or subject line: TALKING POINTS STMT STATEMENT PRESS STRATEGY

We have located two (2) documents responsive to your request. You are granted full access to those records and copies are enclosed. Your request is now completed.

You have the right to file an administrative appeal if you are not satisfied with our response to your FOIA request. All appeals should include a statement of the reasons why you believe the FOIA response was not satisfactory. An appeal based on documents in this release must be received within 90 calendar days of the date of this response letter at the following address:

Assistant General Counsel for Employment, Litigation, and Information
U.S. Department of Commerce Room 5896
1401 Constitution Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20230

An appeal may also be sent by email to FOIAAppeals@doc.gov or by FOIAonline at <https://foiaonline.gov>.

For your appeal to be complete, it must include the following items:

- a copy of the original request,
- our response to your request,
- a statement explaining why the withheld records should be made available, and why the denial of the records was in error.
- "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" must appear on your appeal letter. It should also be written on your envelope, email subject line, or your fax cover sheet.

FOIA appeals posted to the email box, FOIAonline, or Office after normal business hours will be deemed received on the next business day. If the 90th calendar day for submitting an appeal falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal public holiday, an appeal received by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, the next business day will be deemed timely.

FOIA grants requesters the right to challenge an agency's final action in federal court. Before doing so, an adjudication of an administrative appeal is ordinarily required.

The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), an office created within the National Archives and Records Administration, offers free mediation services to FOIA requesters. They may be contacted in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
Room 2510
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740-6001

Email: ogis@nara.gov

Phone: 301-837-1996
Fax: 301-837-0348
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

If you have questions regarding this correspondence please contact Christopher Vaccaro at foia@noaa.gov or the NOAA FOIA Public Liaison Ed Kearns at (828) 273-1998. Please refer to your FOIA request tracking number DOC-NOAA-2018-000951 when contacting us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lola Stith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lola Stith
NOAA FOIA Office